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SUBJECT: ASEAN FOLLOW-UP: LETTER TO FONMIN RITHAUDDEEN

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FONMIN
RITHAUDDEEN. PLEASE PASS ADVANCE COPY; SIGNED ORIGINAL
BEING POUCHED.

QTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

OUR RECENT MEETING MOVED THE ASEAN-US DIALOGUE AN
IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. I ACCORDINGLY WISH TO THANK YOU
FOR YOUR FINE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN BRINGING INTO
CLEAR FOCUS FOR ME, MY COLLEAGUES AND THE CONGRESS THE
IMPORTANCE, DYNAMISM AND CONCERNS OF ASEAN. THE MEETING
HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR DESIRE TO MOVE THE COMMON
FUND NEGOTIATIONS TO AN AGREEMENT AS WELL AS ON A BROAD
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RANGE OF US-ASEAN COOPERATION. I ALSO PARTICULARLY VALUED
YOUR INITIATIVE IN SEEKING TO GAIN GREATER CONGRESSIONAL
UNDERSTANDING OF ASEAN AND THE GROWING PROBLEM OF REFUGEES
FROM INDOCHINA. AS YOU EXPERIENCED, CONGRESSIONAL BRIEF-
INGS ARE A TIME-CONSUMING BUT ESSENTIAL ASPECT IN FORMING
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICIES.

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF THE OTHER STATES WILL
BE HEARING FROM OUR EMBASSIES SOON ON HOW WE CAN WORK

TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT CONCRETELY THE GENERAL AGREEMENTS
REACHED IN WASHINGTON ON US-ASEAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY,
BUSINESS RELATIONS AND INVESTMENT, TRADE, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY, NARCOTICS, REFUGEES, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
PROJECTS, AND OTHER FIELDS. I AM SURE YOU SHARE MY BELIEF
THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US THAT PROGRESS BE AS RAPID
AS POSSIBLE.

IT WAS VERY REWARDING FOR ME TO MEET WITH YOU AND
YOUR FELLOW ASEAN MINISTERS IN AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE
TO A FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY FRIENDS OF
EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY. WE WILL SEE TO IT THAT
YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT ARE KEPT ABREAST OF OUR VIEWS ON
DEVELOPMENTS IN KEY AREAS AFFECTING US BOTH SUCH AS INDO-
CHINA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.

I AM PLEASED THAT YOUR RECENT ELECTION AND SUBSEQUENT
CONFIRMATION AS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ENABLE US TO DISCUSS
ASEAN AND OTHER TOPICS IN THE FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO
THE OPPORTUNITY.

SINCERELY. END QTE. VANCE

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